

American Bluegrass Meets Nigerian hi-life in Abuja Music Festival



Bluegrass music from the United States will converge with Nigerian popular hi-life music on Saturday, June 28th at the 2nd annual Abuja Music Festival. The showcase of song and dance takes place at the FCT Pavilion, next to the International Conference Center and across from the Radio House.

This free event is open to all and sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in collaboration with FCTA and the Ministry of Culture. The performances start at 1pm and last all afternoon, featuring a number of local talents and the visiting Henhouse Prowlers, a Chicago-based bluegrass band.

Nine years in the making, the Henhouse Prowlers have built a reputation for hard work and non-stop touring, playing music inspired by the roots of bluegrass while branching out into a sound uniquely their own. Last year, the group toured Mauritania, Niger, Liberia, and Congo-Brazzaville. They completed a one-month tour of Europe in May this year.

From lightning fast picking, to sentimental ballads—playing storied original material, traditional songs, and contemporary covers—the Prowlers' live show leaves no one wanting. The Prowlers continue to push the envelope with their highly original songwriting, tight arrangements, and electrifying stage presence.